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## FARMING AS A BUSINESS

A TALK WITH THE HONORABLE JAMES WILSON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

In discussing such a broad subject as the opportunities open to young men in American farming I shall have first to point out that agriculture in the United States (including in the term fruit-growing, animal husbandry and the body substances) is a most important and the body substance, every year, has a more favorable effect on the nervous system than any other.

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This is due, primarily, to two causes: the wide range of climate and soil in this country and the exacting requirements of American consumers, who want a taste of pretty much everything that can be raised on the earth. Hence we find producers in different parts of the country actively engaged at this time in raising a most remarkable variety of specialties, and it is interesting to think of some of these to a man.

But we are not referring now to the local staple crops, the geographical limits of which are, in a broad way, well known, such as the cotton of the South, the corn of the Northwest and Middle West, the wheat of nearly all the States, and the like.

Besides these, we are now raising cane sugar and rice in Louisiana, pineapples and oranges in Florida and California, beet sugar in practically the whole Northern tier of States and elsewhere, and tobacco in ten or a dozen widely separated regions.

Mushrooms are beginning to receive attention in many places near large cities; the Angora goat, raised for the sake of its hair, promises well for mountainous regions; the date palm will probably flourish in Arizona; the genuine Shaver's is succeeding in California; the grape-grower is now a well-established business in the latter State. Then there is truck-farming along the Atlantic coast, hop-farming in the Northwest, irrigation farming (a promising field) in the semi-arid portions of the West, and cattle-rearing on the ranges.

How to CHOOSE A SPECIALTY IN FARMING.

These are enough to show that farming in the United States is a business of great possibilities. I should think that the very first thing to be considered by a young man who contemplates adopting this vocation is: What will the market do? What will he do with his product?

Fortunately, facilities exist in every State in the Union for acquiring just such an education as I have outlined in my paper.

The "land grant" or agricultural colleges, founded by Congress in all the States furnish an education in all the sciences that relate to agriculture that cannot but be of inestimable value to any man who sacrafices it with the intention of making farming a life work, and has actually resulted, in some few regions, in positive benefit to the industry.

Various considerations will sway him in setting these points, such as his nearness to market, the kind of labor he can depend upon, the particular class of farmer he likes best, social connections, and other circumstances.

Only very broad general principles can be laid down for his guidance in these matters. I would venture to say that it is located here or in one of the great cities of the country his best chance for a profitable business lies in supplying the table luxuries of wealth—a large population consuming relatively large quantities. Instances of this are easily found, and sometimes (and often) under what may be called a less expensive roof, finding more profitableness. It is intensive work in the one case, extensive in the other, and each has its advantages and its disadvantages. The intensive farmer probably works harder for a longer period of the year than the extensive farmer, but he often makes more money per acre.

There are certain characteristics that will cause one man to succeed in farming while another with equal natural talents will fail. I am inclined to think that some of the failures in farming could have succeeded no better in any other business. I am supposing that the young man now under consideration possesses an intelligent, industrious, straightforward and soberly-acted attitude of mind.

Business-like habits are essential. He would not make money, you can give him a loan,

Bookkeeping, shorthand, clerical service, etc., are important, but they will give you money, and they will give him the education he needs.

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A WORD of great interest to some of my friends, and especially to others. Some want me to tell them how to get the money, but I would like to see the work begin earlier. I have long advocated some form of instruction in elementary agriculture in the common schools, and I am glad to see that something is now being done in this direction, by more than one in the State. It would be useful to let our teachers in the district schools to take an increased interest in the field and to reward them for their efforts, and taught the students of Nature to the practical uses of their farm lands. I am inclined to believe that those who have less talk than there is about "boys leaving the farm" will be overjoyed at the sight of the states, and the boys, who, with all their drudgery, still go to school, and are destined to be useful members of society.

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